

## INTER-ISLAND MEN PRESENT DEMANDS TO THE COMPANY

Two Hundred Seamen Ask For Wage Increase and Double Time On Sunday

### NO SUGGESTION OF STRIKE IS MADE

High Cost of Living Urged As the Sole Reason For Desire For Bigger Wage

Formal request for a general increase in wages was presented yesterday to the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., by the sailors employed on the company's vessels.

The request, in form of a letter, backed up by a petition signed by approximately two hundred Hawaiian and Japanese sailors and batboys, was forwarded to the company by James H. Hakoule, assistant district court clerk, who had been employed by the seamen to represent them.

The men ask for a wage scale of fifty cents an hour, with seventy-five cents for overtime and double pay for Sunday work.

Hakoule, previous to sending the petition, emphasized the fact that the men were requesting, not demanding, increased pay, and that there was no threat implied nor had the men at this time any intention of striking or quitting their jobs. That appears to be up to the company.

**Increase Not Large**

The new scale of wages asked by the men would give them on an average about twenty-five cents per day more than they are at present receiving. They recently received an increase of twenty-five cents a day giving them a wage of \$1.75 a day.

The action taken by the men yesterday followed a series of meetings at which the subject was debated and the petition presented for signature. One meeting was held a week ago last Sunday and another day before yesterday.

**Cost More To Live**

The petition drawn up by Hakoule sets forth the arguments upon which the men base their request for more pay. It points out that the cost of living has greatly increased, and that the work the men are called upon to do is hard and often performed during the night hours and for long periods at a stretch without rest.

However, Hakoule stated, the Inter-Island employees are generally satisfied with their treatment by the company, except upon the one point of wages.

**Not Considered Yet**

James A. Kennedy, president of the Inter-Island, stated late last night that, though he understood that the petition of the sailors had been received at the offices of the company during the afternoon, he had not seen it, was not conversant with the matter and was not prepared to make any comment upon it nor to say what action, if any, might be taken by the company.

**FARIBANK'S MOTHER ENDS LONG LIFE**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, October 31—Mrs. Mary Fairbanks, mother of Charles Warren Fairbanks, former Vice-President of the United States and again candidate on the Republican ticket for the same honor, died here suddenly late last night. She was eighty-seven years of age.

Mrs. Fairbanks, who is campaigning in Illinois, has been notified of his mother's death and has sent word that he will start for Indianapolis at once and will arrive there today.

**KAUAI PUBLIC PARK PLAN MEETS APPROVAL**

The Kauai chamber of commerce has appointed a committee to investigate the proposition of turning the Waimea highlands, on the Garden Island, into a territorial or national park. The committee, which is to make its report and recommendations on December 21, is composed of George E. Harrison, superintendent of hydrography; B. G. Rivenbark, land commissioner; C. S. Judd, superintendent of forestry; J. H. Moragne and W. E. Davis, of Lihue, and G. F. Rankin, of Makaweli.

**COLLECTOR FRANKLIN OFF FOR HEADQUARTERS**

McLain Franklin, collector of the port, will sail on the *Wilhelmina* tomorrow, en route to Washington and New York.

The collector has during the past week or two been holding a series of conferences with the "deserving Democrats" of the Territory, and it is reported that when in sail, he will go ashore down with political messages for the ears of the various high authorities at the national Capitol.

**POOL ROOM PLANS FOR PAWAA AROUSE INTEREST**

Plans are said to be under way to make application for a license to operate a barbershop and poolroom in one of the buildings at Pawaa Junction. Several hundred school children stop at the junction twice daily on their way to and from school, and parents of the vicinity are interesting themselves in the reported plans for a poolroom there. It is feared that a poolroom might gather an element around the junction that would be harmful to the children. The treasurer and the sheriff have authority to issue the license.

## JAPAN WIRELESS OPENS THIS WEEK

Delay Force Inauguration Date Over Until Third or Fourth of Month

According to present arrangements wireless communication on a commercial basis will be inaugurated between Honolulu and Tokio, Japan, on either November 4 or 5. The exact date of opening the service has not as yet been determined upon and hinges on a series of conferences now being held between the officials of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America and the officials of the Japanese government.

Otherwise arrangements have been completed to start the service. The two stations at Funabashi, Japan, and Hakuhu, Oahu, have been in communication for a number of months during which time regular tests have been made, with the result that the two stations are now in almost perfect adjustment.

When the first business message is flashed across the 4200 miles of water radio communication will have been established, not only between Japan and Hawaii, but with California, the Atlantic seaboard and points in Europe. From California the messages are relayed by the Western Union and then wirelessly across the Atlantic from one of several stations on the Atlantic seaboard.

For some time to come, possibly for years, all wireless communication between Japan, the United States and Europe will pass through the Honolulu station making this port not only the Cross Roads of the Pacific, but the "Wireless Crossroads of the world."

Rates for the new service have not yet been fixed, but it has been rumored that they will be thirty percent less than the cable rates. This rate will be announced when the line is regularly opened for business next month.

**REPEAT REACHES PORT A MONTH OVERDUE**

The lumber schooner *Repeat* of Lewers & Cooke, reported a month overdue on her way to Willapa, Washington, arrived safely at her destination Sunday afternoon according to cablegram to the Merchants' Exchange yesterday.

The Repeat left Honolulu September 6 and was fifty-three days en route to Willapa. The voyage with good weather and steady trade winds usually takes about twenty-four or twenty-five days. Fears were felt here for the safety of the vessel when she remained unreported for so long a time. Friends of Captain Mackenzie were relieved yesterday when Lewers & Cooke received the laconic message from Captain Mackenzie, "Arrived. Mackenzie." Variable unsteady winds are believed to have been the cause of the schooner's long delay in arriving at the northwest coast port.

**LURLINE TO BE RUSHED TO DRYDOCK**

The Matsuo liner *Lurline* will arrive in San Francisco tomorrow and be put on the drydock at once to undergo repairs to the hull damaged here October 18, when the steamer ran aground off Makapuu Point as it neared this port from San Francisco.

Work on the steamer will be rushed day and night, and it is believed that no alterations of the Matsuo liner's ten-day sailing schedule will be necessary. This schedule was substituted for the weekly sailing after the *Lurline*'s accident.

Repairs are expected to take a month. The *Lurline* will be put back into service immediately the work is completed, as congestion of freight here and in San Francisco will result from her idle period. The Matsuo company has no vessel to replace the *Lurline*. Passenger business will hardly be affected.

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**CHINESE PASTOR GIVEN BIG FAREWELL RECEPTION**

Having been granted a four-month leave of absence to attend the sessions of the Kwangtung legislature in China, Rev. Tse Kui Yuen, pastor of the Second Chinese Church, was given a very enthusiastic reception last night by about two hundred members of his congregation. A splendid musical and literary program was given, which was enjoyed by all.

**BOLKE A DESERTER**

Notice has been posted of the desertion of private Henry Bolke, of Battery D-1, Ninth Field Artillery, from Schofield Barracks on October 12 last. Bolke is about twenty-four years old, five feet seven and one-quarter inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. He has dark blue eyes, dark brown hair and a ruddy complexion. Bolke enlisted in the service at Fort Logan, Colorado, on June 1, 1915.

## UNCLE SAM CALLS MAHUKA SITE BET

Secretary McAddo Cables Acceptance of Castle & Cooke's Half Million Dollars

The Mahuka Site sale stands, even although Malcolm A. Franklin, general collector of customs and auctioneer problem, claimed the day he sold it that the preferred \$475,000 was much below what the land will be worth twenty years hence. Collector Franklin received a cablegram from William G. McAddo, secretary of the treasury, yesterday noon, accepting Castle & Cooke's bid. The message also announced that the deed and other necessary papers have been mailed from Washington.

Hence it follows that if there are no seizures, train wrecks or other disturbances, accidents or drawbacks to prevent, the deed should arrive on the 1st of November. The Advertiser to publish its articles on the amendment to the bylaws of the chamber in regard to the distributing of the funds of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, which is a committee of the chamber.

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According to President Smith, Chairman Berard must have had sufficient reasons for requesting the changes in the bylaws, in order that the expenditure of all money by the promotion committee shall be directly under the control of the directors of the chamber and by their authority. What these reasons are Mr. Smith confessed he was unable to say. He intimated that they no doubt would be brought out when the matter is taken up after the return of Chairman Berard from the mainland.

It had been known for a long time in certain circles that in some quarters political strings are being pulled in order to divert a portion at least of the money appropriated by the Territory promotion work. Just who is pulling the strings and how much of the promotion fund it is desired to use for political purposes are matters that probably will not come to light until the entire subject is threshed out after the return of Chairman Berard.

The findings of the inspectors were as follows:

"Referring to the complaint filed against you on October 4, 1916, by Capt. Henry W. Lyon Jr., master, freight motor vessel, 'Mokoli'i,' for navigating the steamer *Hakamaku*, of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, Limited, Honolulu, Hawaii, on the night of October 2, 1916, in the harbor of Honolulu, between the hours of eight and nine o'clock, that the necessary running lights were not burning, as prescribed by article 1, pilot rules for the island waters of the United States, and sections 4412 and 4453, revised statutes of the United States.

Relative to the above charge, we are of the opinion, and constrained to be, from the evidence adduced at the investigation, as well as the trial, that it was not only circumstantial and misleading, but immature from doubtful sources, and under the above conditions the case is therefore dismissed."

**ANOTHER CHANGE IN STEAMER SCHEDULE**

On account of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner *Seattle Maru* being six days late in arriving here from Yokohama, Castle & Cooke, local agents announced another change in schedule for the steamer on advice from San Francisco by wireless. Scheduled to arrive here Friday the *Seattle Maru* will reach Honolulu Thursday November 9, departing the next day for San Francisco. The vessel left Yokohama October 28 instead of October 26 as per schedule.

Wireless advises yesterday announced that the T. K. K. chartered steamer *Kwanto Maru*, from Yokohama Friday for Honolulu, will arrive November 12. The T. K. K. freighter *Shimyo Maru* No. 2, one day overdue from Yokohama, has not been heard from. The same typhoon encountered by the Japanese tramp steamer *Amagisan Maru*, in port today discharging coal, is believed to have delayed the *Shimyo Maru*.

**YOU BE FRONTAGE TAXED ELEGANT DICTION OF ALMEIDA**

The Democrats are arguing their case before the voters on high moral grounds, as illustrated by the following choice bits of logic:

Candidate Quirino (Crane) L. Almeida, at Democratic campaign meeting Saturday night: "Don't vote for that man Clarence Cook, for if he is elected he will frontage tax you and take away all your property. When the time comes for you to pay your frontage tax and you have no money to pay it, Clarence Cook will come to you and say, 'Here you have no money. You just died your husband; I will pay your taxes, and it won't cost you a cent.'"

"Don't vote for that man Charley Martinez. He belongs to Clarence Cook and will do what Clarence Cook tells him to."

Almeida, pointing to a stenographer in the audience: "There is that dirty reporter, who lives by writing lies about us for the Republicans. Look at him. He is in the fellow that is willing to sell his soul for a few dirty dollars."

Candidate Ambrose Wirtz: "All the wealth and all the prosperity you have today was given to Hawaii by the Democrats. It was the Democratic party that restored the duty on sugar."

**NEW BLOCK SEES THE OPENING OF FIRST SHOP**

The first business enterprise to take advantage of the recently completed Wolters Building on Union Street is the "Hartie's Good Eat" shop, which will open its doors to the public tomorrow. Other tenants are expected to occupy the series of handsome stores in the near future.

Miss Hartie, the proprietor of the new cafe, has recently returned from the Mainland where she made a study of catering to the public in a different way. Many of the ideas which were obtained during her visit Miss Hartie will endeavor to work out in the new establishment, which promises to be one of the attractive dining resorts of Honolulu.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES DRAWN ATTENTION

Advertiser's Inquiry Into Changes In Chamber of Commerce Rules Justified

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